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1. IN ADDITION TO FURTHER DENUNCIATION OF SOVIET "MEMORANDUM" WARNING EGYPT AGAINST ATTACKING LIBYA (REF A) AND CRITICAL COVERAGE OF LIBYAN CALL FOR SPECIAL ARAB LEAGUE MEETING TO DISCUSS EGYPTIAN/LIBYAN RELATIONS (REF B) LOCAL DAILIES CARRY
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NUMEROUS ANTI-LIBYAN ITEMS ON FRONT PAGES.

2. ISLAMIC FORMINS MEETING. ALL DAILIES ANNOUNCE THAT IRAN HAS REJECTED LIBYAN INVITATION TO ATTEND MID-MAY ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTER'S CONFERENCE IN TRIPOLI. IRANIAN REJECTION REPORTEDLY BASED ON LIBYA'S UNRELENTING ANTI-EGYPTIAN POLICY. DAILIES REPORT THAT MANY OF THE ISLAMIC COUNTRIES DECIDING NOT TO DISPATCH

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FONMINS TO TRIPOLI, DESPITE ENERGETIC LIBYAN EFFORTS TO ASSURE LARGE ATTENDANCE.

3. ARREST OF MUFTI. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS QADHAFI HAS AGAIN RUN AFOUL OF LIBYAN ISLAMIC HIERARCHY AS RESULT OF VIOLENT CLASH WITH MUFTI OF LIBYA. QADHAFI REPORTEDLY FIRED MUFTI, WHO CURRENTLY UNDER HOUSE ARREST, BECAUSE OF MUFTI'S STRENUOUS OBJECTIONS TO EXECUTION ORDERS CARRIED OUT AGAINST LIBYAN OFFICERS IN EARLY APRIL.

4. EXPULSION OF EGYPTIANS. ALTHOUGH LESS EMPHASIS PLACED ON PLIGHT OF EGYPTIAN CITIZENS IN LIBYA THAN PRECEDING DAYS, DAILIES REPORT THAT THREE PLANS CARRYING 262 EGYPTIAN EXPELLEES ARRIVED IN CAIRO PREVIOUS DAY AND MORE EXPULSIONS EXPECTEDIN NEAR FUTURE.

5. CUBANS. GUMHURIYAA CARRIES UNSOURCED ITEM REPORTING THAT FIRST CONTINGENT OF CUBAN MILITARY ADVISORS HAVE ARRIVED IN BENGHAZI. NO FURTHER DETAILS.

6. TERRORISM. AKHBAR REPORTS THAT PFLP AND LIBYAN GENERAL INTELLIGENCE COOPERATING TO FORM UNIT TO BE CALLED "PALESTINIAN RED ARMY". RED ARMY GROUP REPORTEDLY BEING TRAINED IN CAMP NEAR SIRTE. INSTRUCTION INVOLVES PREPARATION FOR ASSASSINATION MISSIONS AGAINST ARAB LEADERS OPPOSED TO QADHAFI AND REJECTIONIST PALESTINIAN PHILOSOPHY.

7. COMMENT: EGYPT LONG AGO REJECTED POSSIBILITY OF ATTENDING ISLAMIC FONMIN CONFERENCE IN TRIPOLI AND HAS URGED OTHER
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FRIENDLY ISLAMIC STATES TO DO LIKEWISE. WE RECALL FROM EMBASSY JIDDA REPORTING THAT SAG AT ONE POINT CONSIDERED REQUESTING POSTPONEMENT OF TRIPOLI MEETING, BUT THEN DECIDED TO ATTEND. IRANIAN REFUSAL TO ATTEND ISLAMIC CONCLAVE CERTAIN TO BE WELCOMED IN CAIRO, IN HOPES THAT IRANIAN NON-PARTICIPATION WILL LEAD TO SIMILAR REJECTIONS FROM OTHER MODERATE ISLAMIC STATES.
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